



Monthly Newsletter

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Jafra for Relief and Youth Development



Palestine TV – “This Morning” Program hosted the Jafra Foundation’s coordinator in Burj Shemali camp, Hisham Al-Meari, to talk about the Foundation’s programs and activities in the Palestinian camps in light of the challenges faced by Palestinian refugees.

Al-Meari began by providing an overview of the vision, mission and goals of the Jafra Foundation, focusing on the importance of the role of youth in strengthening and empowering the refugee community and supporting the resilience of the camps.

He pointed out that the Jafra Foundation seeks, through its programs, to strengthen the resilience of our people in the camps by providing income-generating opportunities such as “money for work,” “food industry,” “rooftop farming,” and “financing small and medium enterprises.”

He presented the initiatives launched by the Foundation, especially in the field of rehabilitating public facilities in the camps, such as street lighting, waste removal, reclamation of public parks, football fields, etc.

He also talked about the Jafra Palestinian National Curriculum project and its importance in preserving the national identity of children in the camps.



Within the Jafra program to empower women and enhance their skills to enter the labor market, participants in the food industry workshop attended 4-day business development sessions in Ein al-Hilweh camp in Sidon.

During the workshop, the women received practical and theoretical training on how to establish their own financial projects, especially food and household supplies projects, starting from formulating the project idea, passing through the basics of planning and management, all the way to preparing an integrated business plan.

The sessions concluded on their last day with presentations, where each participant presented her project plan in front of her colleagues and the trainer, in a step aimed at enhancing the economic independence of women.



Paying attention to heritage and reviving folklore is an essential part of the process of preserving national identity. Jafra seeks to upgrade the capabilities of the refugee households by developing their skills and enabling them to obtain additional sources of income. In the Jafra center in Qudsaya, women turn Palestinian embroidery into real success stories, combining identity and economic empowerment.



Through its programs, the Jafra Foundation seeks to raise the level of communal awareness among various segments of society, including youth, children, and women.

In coordination with the Lebanese Democratic Women's Gathering, in the Burj el-Barajneh and Shatila camps, Jafra organized awareness sessions for women addressing psychological support and awareness of gender-based violence GBV, in addition to awareness of protection mechanisms and ways to seek help.

These sessions come within the framework of the empowerment and development program implemented by Jafra in refugee camps, which aims to inform various social segments of their human rights guaranteed by law and ways to defend them.



Beneficiaries of the Jafra Foundation's rooftop farming project have begun harvesting their crops in the Burj el-Barajneh and Shatila camps in Beirut. The step comes after weeks of training on the principles of organic farming and follow-up of the process by the agricultural engineer at Jafra, to ensure obtaining the specified results.

The project aims to provide additional income for participants, particularly youth, through work. The rooftop gardening project also provides eligible groups with a good supply of organic vegetables for home consumption or sale, in addition to the practical experience these projects provide.

These projects are implemented in partnership with Welthungerhilfe and supported by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



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